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**RESOLUTION**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PLANNING RE: THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR  
CONDUCTING THE LEGISLATURE'S MANDATED 2006 COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND  
UPDATE OF THE BENTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 1998, the Benton County Board of Commissioners adopted the Benton County Comprehensive Plan (the Plan); and,

**WHEREAS** Section 36.70A.130(4)(c) of the State Growth Management Act ("GMA") requires that Benton County take legislative action to review, and if necessary, revise the Plan and its development regulations by December 1, 2006 to ensure that the Plan and regulations continue to comply with the requirements of GMA; and,

**WHEREAS** to assist GMA planning jurisdictions the State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED), which administers the GMA, provided compliance "checklists" that were used by planning staff and the Planning Commission to review the Plan for compliance with the various provisions of the GMA; and,

**WHEREAS** GMA requires that the Benton County Commissioners adopt by resolution following a public hearing: a) findings that a compliance review and evaluation has occurred; b) a Scope of Work to undertake necessary revisions (if any) to the Plan and regulations where necessary for compliance; and c) a statement of reasons why revisions for compliance items that are listed on the "checklists" are not needed (if any are not needed); and,

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 36.70A.130(2)(a), Benton County did adopt in December 2005 a Public Participation Program for the 2006 update and has followed the program in its compliance review and update, providing at advertised public meetings and Planning Commission work shops and hearings, the opportunity for public input, review, and comment on draft review products and Planning Commission actions; and,

**WHEREAS** staff completed the compliance evaluation checklists (Attachments B and C), which indicate those areas of the existing Plan and regulations that are in compliance with GMA and do not need revision, and those areas of the Plan and regulations that are not currently in compliance and do need revision, the latter being shown in the Scope of Work as work tasks to be accomplished by December 1, 2006; and,

**WHEREAS** in addition to the compliance work tasks, the Scope of Work also shows tasks to accomplish certain "house-keeping" revisions to the plan including updating tables with new population, land use acreages, etc., updating maps, and minor adjustments to land use boundaries such as where individual properties or ownerships are divided by a mapped line; and,

**WHEREAS** to take public testimony on, and to review and consider the substance of the checklists and the resultant draft Scope of Work, the Benton County Planning Commission conducted two public hearings on February 21st, and March 2nd, and a third public hearing March 21st, 2006 on the draft Scope of Work, and recommends the Scope of Work, as provided in Attachment "A" attached hereto, to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption, and,


**WHEREAS** the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the Planning Commission's recommended Scope of Work and conducted its public hearing on April 10th, 2006 at which it received additional comment from the public, and,

**WHEREAS** prior to the close of its hearing on April 10, 2006 the Board of Commissioners approved the Scope of Work as a proper work program that fulfills the requirement of the compliance review in the first phase of the 2006 Update process, and provides the guidelines for accomplishing the needed revision in the second phase, and so directed staff to prepare for action on April 17, 2006 a Resolution of Approval of the Scope of Work and its related documentation (Exhibits A, B, and C); **NOW, THEREFORE,**


**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** that the County hereby adopts the Scope of Work and related documents (Attachments A, B, and C), for the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update, as it has been reviewed and recommended by the Benton County Planning Commission and considered by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing. The County Commissioners find that the compliance review has been completed, that except for the issues identified in the checklists as needing to be addressed as to their compliance, the Plan and regulations as they currently exist are in compliance with the GMA, and that only the work tasks for issues identified in the Scope of Work program will be accomplished for the 2006 GMA compliance update.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that in accordance with the Scope of Work for the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update the Planning Director and designated staff are hereby directed to draft revisions or create new draft products for Board consideration as amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

Dated this 17 day of April 2006

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Member

  
Member  
Constituting the Board of County  
Commissioners of Benton County  
Washington

Attest.....  
Clerk of the Board

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Attachments: Attachment A  
Attachments B and C

CC: Planning Department, PA